

TOWN OF PARADISE
Council Agenda Summary
Date: April 9, 2019

Agenda No.

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SUBJECT: Camp Fire Emergency On-Call Tree Felling Contract Award

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Award Contract No. 19-06(a, b and c), Camp Fire Emergency On-Call Tree Felling, to M&S Wesley Tree Service, A&E Arborists Tree Care and P31 Enterprises and authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute a contracts estimated at \$100,000 each.

Background:

The November 8, 2018 Camp Fire devastated the region and has specifically caused unprecedented damage to area trees. During the mandatory evacuation period, the Town of Paradise led an effort to assess and mitigate over 1,600 trees which were determined to be “same-day” fall risks and hazards, also known as “Priority 1” trees. Currently in the burn area, it is estimated there are more than 300,000 dead or dying trees which need further assessment, mitigation and disposal. As a second phase in this effort, the Town of Paradise needs to identify “Priority 2” trees which will have varying degrees of risk in the public right-of-way.

During this Priority 2 tree assessment, Town of Paradise desires a reimbursable mechanism to mitigate trees identified as high-hazard emergency trees requiring same-day removal.

Analysis:

Town of Paradise Public Works issued a formal request for proposals on March 22, 2019 for the Camp Fire Emergency On-Call Tree Felling. This proposal identified the following scope of work:

1. Firm shall maintain readiness for potential emergency tree felling assignments for a period of one-year.
2. When notified by the Town, firm shall respond within three hours to any sized emergency tree. Additional time will be allotted for trees requiring a crane.
3. Firm shall supply or coordinate emergency MUTCD-compliant traffic control.
4. Firm shall haul off tree debris in a manner consistent with FEMA regulations within a period of three days from tree felling.

Three proposals were submitted by the due date of April 2, 2019. Proposals submitted include:

- A&E Arborists Tree Care
- M&S Wesley Tree Service
- P31 Enterprises

Upon review of each of the submitted proposals, staff determined that each firm was qualified and capable of undertaking this role of on-call/as-needed support for emergency trees. As a

result, staff recommends awarding a contract to each of the firms to maintain complete readiness dependent upon the outcome of the assessment.

There will be no guarantee of any work or equal portions of work for each of the contractors, yet, staff will identify the needs of each identified emergency on a case-by-case basis.

Financial Impact:

The predicted costs for these contracts is estimated at \$300,000. These contracts are eligible for Public Assistance under the umbrellas of CalOES and FEMA, meaning the Town would have a 2.5-7% matching requirement.